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AN IMPERATIVE APPEAL FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS.

An urgent and imperative appeal has just been issued by the Surgeon General of the United States Army, for doctors for the Medical Reserve Corps.

There are to-day 15,174 officers of the Medical Reserve Corps on active duty, and the Medical Department has reached the limit of medical officers at the present time available for assignment. With these facts before the medical profession of this country, we believe that every doctor who is physically qualified for service between the age of 21 and 55 years, will come forward now and apply for a commission in the Medical Reserve Corps.

The Surgeon General says: "So far the United States has been involved only in the preparatory phase of this war. We are now about to enter upon the active or fighting phase, which will make enormous demands upon the resources of the country." The conservation of these resources, especially that of man-power, depends entirely upon an adequate medical service.

Drafts of men will continually follow drafts, each of which will require its proportionate number of medical officers, and there are at this time on the available list of the Medical Reserve Corps an insufficient number to meet the demands of these drafts.

The real necessity for the complete mobilization of the entire profession is imperative. It is not a question of a few hundred men volunteering for service, but of the mobilization of the profession for the conservation of the resources of

this country. Let every doctor who reads this editorial and appeal from the Surgeon General, which appeal is based upon dire necessity, act promptly and present his application for a commission in the Medical Reserve Corps at the nearest Medical Examining Board. If you are not informed of the location of your Board, the editor of this Journal will advise you.

HOW TO OBTAIN COMMISSION.

Such questions as doctors seeking to enlist in the Medical Service of the Army or Navy are likely to ask, are answered in the comprehensive questionnaire which is being sent out by the Medical Section of the Council of National Defense. The questionnaire is subdivided into sections relating to both Army and Navy, to Army only, to Navy only, and to the Regular Army.

In view of the campaign now under way for medical officers, the complete text of the questionnaire is given herewith:

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, MEDICAL SECTION.

The Surgeon General of the Army and the Surgeon General of the Navy need more medical officers. Our profession has responded nobly to the call of humanity, but more are required. You are needed. The following questions and answers will aid you in your decision:

INFORMATION RELATING TO BOTH ARMY AND NAVY.

(1) Q. How do I apply for a commission in the Medical Reserve Corps?